

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-17 (Cancelled).

18. (Currently Amended) A door closer comprising:
  - a housing having a longitudinal housing direction;
  - a shaft supported in the housing and connectable to a door;
  - a brake piston supported in the housing and charging the shaft, the brake piston and the housing defining a first space away from the shaft;
  - a blocking member;
  - a first spring loading the blocking member and extending orthogonally [[from]] to the longitudinal housing direction; and
  - ~~a pump for providing at least one of functions of pumping a brake fluid to the first space and pumping brake fluid at least one of to and from the first space, the pump being disposed in a second space formed between the housing and the first spring,~~
  - wherein the shaft is lockable in a position by the blocking member.
19. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 18, further comprising a drive motor for driving the pump, the drive motor being disposed in the second space.

20. (Currently Amended) The door closer of claim 18, further comprising a tube-shaped bushing which is detachably connected to the housing and extends orthogonally

~~therefrom to the longitudinal housing direction~~, the first spring being supported in the tube-shaped bushing.

21. (Currently Amended) The door closer of claim 19, further comprising a tube-shaped bushing which is detachably connected to the housing and extends orthogonally ~~therefrom to the longitudinal housing direction~~, the first spring being supported in the tube-shaped bushing.

22. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 21, further comprising a casing detachably connected to the housing and the tube-shaped bushing, the pump and the drive motor being received in the casing.

23. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 21, further comprising a casing detachably connected to the housing and the tube-shaped bushing, the drive motor being received in the casing.

24. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 20, wherein the blocking member comprises a cup-shaped insert displaceably supported in the tube-shaped bushing.

25. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 24, wherein the cup-shaped insert has a bottom facing the shaft, the blocking member further comprising a support which protrudes from the bottom of the cup-shaped insert into the housing and has a roller cooperating with the shaft.

26. (Currently Amended) The door closer of claim 24, wherein the first spring is disposed in the tube-shaped bushing and loads the cup-shaped insert in the longitudinal housing direction of the housing.

27. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 24, further comprising a friction or wear reducing element between the tube-shaped bushing and the cup-shaped insert.

28. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 18, further comprising an eccentric disc mounted on the shaft, and a second spring which charges the brake piston toward the eccentric disc.

29. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 18, further comprising a seal between the housing and the brake piston.

30. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 18, further comprising a valve arrangement, and wherein the brake piston is lockable in a predetermined position by means of the valve arrangement.

31. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 30, wherein the valve arrangement comprises a regulating valve, and a shut-off valve which affects flow of the regulating valve.

32. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 31, wherein the shut-off valve automatically opens at a predetermined pressure.

33. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 31, wherein the shut-off valve is operable to be electro-magnetically actuated.

34. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 28, wherein the brake piston comprises a roller which engages the eccentric disc.

35. (Previously Presented) The door closer of claim 18, wherein the brake piston is coupled to the shaft by means of a rocker and an eccentric disc.